Mrs. Frederick H. Pruitt
4400 Lindell Blvd. #10-B
St. Louis, MO 63108

January 22, 1978

Vigo County Public Library
222 N. 7th St
Terre Haute IN

Re: Roberts Family
Lost Creek Settlement

Dear Librarian,

Thankyou for the copy of "Genealogy Surnames + Subjects." Enclosed is the extra postage used.

"The Negro in Indiana History" by John Lyda on page 20 states, "Land was purchased from Kinchen Roberts and his wife Nancy for the first school in Lost Creek Settlement". I wrote the Vigo County Historical Society and received a copy of a three page essay on the early settlers. This suggested that there was more information some place. The name Ernestine Carter is hand written on the first page.

If the Roberts Family Collection listed in "Surnames + Subjects" includes the Lost Creek Roberts', I would like a Xerox copy of that section to study.

Is there an index for Vigo County Wills and Terre Haute Wills? If so I would like copies of the Roberts section in both. My main interest is in the early years - to 1900

Please advise me of the cost.

SASE enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation in my search.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Roberts Pruitt

Mrs. Frederick H. Pruitt
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February 5, 1978

Miss Elizabeth Merrill
Local History Division
Vigo Co Public Library

Dear Miss Merrill,

Thank you very much for the unexpcted coverage in the materials which you sent. There are several missing links in our family history. I have proof that my 2 gr-grandfather Kinchen died in North Carolina, but I feel that Vigo Co. Kinchen and the other Roberts are related to us because of the name pattern Kinchen, Willis, Benjamin and James, also the associated families - Walden, Stewart, Chaves and Archer.

We have "lost" the descendants of two brothers after the 1820 Federal Census. I am told that some of "the tribe" came from Rush County to Vigo. Perhaps they are from the two lost lines.

Since Kincher lived to age 93 yrs. (d. 30 JUN 1870) might there have been an item in a newspaper at the time? If so please send me a copy. NO obiT

I shall write to Mrs. Kennedy about the land records.

Stella (Brooks) Rice and her husband, Gus, were both successful Chiropodists in Terre Haute. Her mother was a Roberts. Stella died in 1952. If you should find an item about her, please send me a copy.

If there is a Negro newspaper in Terre Haute, please send the name and address. I would like to locate some descendants. My query in December issue of Sycamore Leaves has not produced any thing yet. - pg. 38 #426

Thank you seems insufficient, compared to the help you have given me. The material arrived at a low point in my search, nothing was working right. Vigo County Library lifted me out of the doldrums and put me back to work!

Enclosed is a check for one dollar and twenty cents [$1.20] for:

9 Xerox copies @ 10¢	$ .90
inquiries or anything you think useful	.30
Total	$ 1.20

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Roberts Pruitt

Call Dr L H Anderson 232-3137

Mrs Sylvia Mabrie 234-8368

Mrs Regie Marshall

Mrs Matilda Tilly Radcliffe - County Nursing Home

Sylvia Harris - Charlie Roberts Lost Creek

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 1, 1978

Mrs. Frederick H. Pruitt
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St. Louis, Mo 63108

Dear Mrs. Pruitt:

I am sending copies of materials we have in our files on the Lost Creek settlement, and a copy of the pages from our early cemetery records which give names of members of the Roberts family. I found none in the early marriage records, but perhaps the old Church in Lost Creek would have those records.

We have a copy of Will Book A, which is the earliest, but I found no members of the Roberts family there. Mrs. Virginia Kennedy, 3028 N. 6th, does research at the Court House, and she would probably look up early wills and land records for you.

I am also sending copies of pages from the Census of 1850 which contain names of members of the family. We usually charge 10¢ per page for copies.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

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VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 9, 1978

Mrs. Frederick H. Pruitt
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Dear Mrs. Pruitt:

Mrs. Sylvia Mabin, 61 Dreiser Square, who is a cousin of the Roberts family, suggested that I call Mrs. Matilda (Tilly) Radcliffe, who is a patient at the Vigo County Home (a nursing home). While she is very old - almost 90 - I understand that she is mentally very alert, and would be interested in corresponding with you. The address is Vigo County Home, Maple Avenue, Terre Haute, Ind., 47804.

I am sorry to say that I have been unable to find an obituary for Kinchen Roberts, who died June 30, 1870.

Mrs Mabin told me that Mrs. Orgie Marshall, 2200 GarfieldeAve., is also a relative, and owns some of the old family papers, but she would not be able to correspond with you, as she is old and mentally confused.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

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